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Excise Officers Seize 1,175 DVD's from Evansville Store

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (May 21) – Indiana State Excise Police officers serving a search warrant at an Evansville store seized 1,175 bootleg DVD's this afternoon.

Officers searched Riverside One Stop, 401 E. Riverside Drive, for evidence of fraud, including unauthorized copies of DVD's displayed for sale at the store. These DVD's included movies currently in theatres only and not yet available for retail sale.

Excise officers also cited Riverside One Stop on six unrelated administrative charges, including: possession of smoking paraphernalia, failure to display tobacco certificate, smoking in a prohibited location and three charges related to failure to post various smoking-related signs.

Possible charges related to the bootleg DVD's are pending.

Anyone with information concerning unlawful sales of DVD's may contact the District 5 office at 812-882-1292.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

